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NEW YORK NOTES.

Much regret is expressed by collectors and dealers here that the Daily Stamp Item has ceased publication. Although issued mainly in the interests of the Mekeels, it contained the latest news, and was quite an addition to the breakfast table. But the time has not yet come when a daily will pay for itself. Even the American Wheelman published every morning, has not proved a financial success as yet.

A bill has just been passed by the U. S. Government authorizing the use of private postal cards, the cards to be no larger than the official ones, and to be carried by affixing a one cent stamp. The bill takes effect July 1st 1897.

It is reported here that E T. Parker, the well known Bethlehem dealer, will shortly publish a philatelic paper, with a prominent P.S. of A. member as editor.

The American Philatelic Association are having rather hard luck at present About 60 members have resigned since November 1st, presumably owing to the dues having been increased to $1 80 a year.

Another bill has been passed by the Government by which senders of registered letters may be idemnified in a sum not exceeding ten dollars in any one case, for loss of the letter in the mail, to be paid out of the postal revenues.

H. C. Champ a former Toronto collector and once a member of the Toronto Philatelic Club is residing here.

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OTTAWA NOTES.

The last quarterly supplement to the Canadian Official Postal Guide contains the following interesting notes :— Several cases have come under the notice of the department lately in which newspapers passing free by post to subscribers, have contained hand-bills contrary to regulations. In some cases these hand-bills have been designated as "supplement," though as enquiry showed they were sent out entirely in the interest of the business advertised. Papers containing such unauthorized enclosures become liable to the third class matter rate of 1 cent per 4 oz. Postmasters are requested to examine from time to time the papers posted free at their offices with a view to detecting and reporting such irregularities. No paper with an unauthorized enclosure should be allowed to go forward. Any postmaster receiving papers with such enclosures should at once forward them to the department with a report.

Certain postmasters have reported that newspapers continue to come free of postage to persons who refuse them and who declare that they are not subscribers. It is proper, therefore, to mention that for purposes of free postage no person is to be considered as a subscriber who declares that the period for which he subscribed to a given paper has expired, that he has paid for that period, and that he refuses to receive the paper or other publication any longer If the names of such persons are sent to the department the office of origin will be instructed not to forward the paper to their address free.

Order lists such as are used by merchants, seedmen, etc., when sent separately, are liable to a postage rate of one cent per two ounces as printed forms; but they may be enclosed in printed trade catalogues passing at the rate of one cent per four ounces, without giving rise to a higher rate of postage.

In section 5, under the head of Registration, page xx of the Postal Guide, it is stated that "Registered correspondence addressed to a deceased person may be delivered to the legal representative of the deceased." An exception is, nowever, to be made to this rule in the case of letters from the Office of the District Paymaster of British North America at Halifax, addressed to an Imperial Army Pensioner or Reservist. Such letters are not to be delivered to any party whatsoever claiming them on behalf of a deceased Pensioner or Reservist—but are to be sent to the Dead Letter Office for return to the District Paymaster.

The department finds that under the guise of "ornamental printing," certain business firms have introduced words and designs into the printing of the address side of private post cards, which virtually serve the purpose of advertisements. It should be clearly understood that this is not permitted. The department has been obliged in several cases to prohibit the use of cards open to this objection.

Postmasters are again reminded that they cannot exercise too much caution in re-directing (i.e., in changing the address of) letters that have come to their offices for delivery ; inasmuch as, if any loss occurs through an erroneous or unnecessary re-direction, it will fall on the postmaster who took upon himself the responsibility for doing that for which he had no authority. If a letter has come to a certain office, being plainly addressed thereto, the proper province being also specified in the address, then nothing short of an order from the addressee, or the possession of positive and certain information that the letter was intended for another office, can justify a postmaster in re-directing it. See Postal Guide page xxv., sec. 15, second paragraph.

Parcels up to seven pounds in weight may now be sent via England to the following places in Venezuela : Caracas, Carupano, Cindad, Bolivar, Cumana, La Givara, La Nela de Coro, Maracaibo, Puerta Cabaelo. The rates are : 1 lb., 98c ; 2 lbs., $1.06 ; 3 lbs., $1.14 ; 4 lbs., $1.32 ; 5 lbs., $1 40 ; 6 lbs., $1.48 ; 7 lbs., $1 56.

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THE ISSUING OF STAMPS.

Most stamp collectors seem to have no knowledge of the reason for certain stamps having been issued, which should be one of the special studies of collecting. Of course every stamp was issued for a purpose, but some varieties may call for special mention. Canada has produced several oddities of this kind, notable among which are the 2 cents issued in 1864, also the same denomination of New Brunswick, 1861, and Nova Scotia, 1862, all of which were struck off to pre-pay soldiers letters to Great Britain (who had been sent to Canada in 1862, on the occasion of the Slidell Mason affair.) Another Canadian stamp was the 12 pence, black, which, as most collectors know

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THE Daily Stamp Item is dead. It filled a unique position in the philatelic field. Its publishers state "the time was not ripe for such a venture," and with this sentiment we agree.

THE Ontario Philatelist is now the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, although we learn that it is not definitely arranged. The new paper called "Philatelic Canadian" is making a strong effort to represent this young society.

A GREAT many collectors have taken advantage of the premium offer of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, and it is expected that about the first of the year all will be sold out. Now is the time to send in your subscription as the offer is very reasonable.

IN the course of a couple of weeks we will be in a position to offer something to subscribers of the CANADIAN WEEKLY STAMP NEWS that will be of great value to them. It is new—never offered before. All sending in fifty cents for a year's subscription, will have one sent to them free.

FOR a monthly to charge 25c a year and a weekly to charge only 30c a year strikes me as out of proportion. We have decided to advance our rate to fifty cents per annum, or thirty cents for six months. Those subscribing for a year get a premium worth more than the subscription, that is, if they were to buy it themselves; but as we got a "snap" we will offer it in the course of two or three weeks.

WE have received a copy of the Ontario address book of R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont. It is neatly gotten up, and contains the names of a large number of collectors in the leading Province of Canada, Many years have elapsed since the last address book of Canadians appeared, and we trust that financially Mr. Widdicombe will not have to complain of its success.

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is almost unique in rarity, was struck off to do duty for postage to India, is said by some officials in government circles to have been issued in error, as the postage at that time was only ten pence.

The 17 cents Canadian, 1859, was struck for postage to India, also the 12½ cents of the same year was issued expressly for letters to Great Britain. The stamps of Prince Edward Island, for their odd denominations might cause collectors to imagine that they were issued for some special service, but we have never heard of such.

The 8½ cents Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13 cents Newfoundland was issued for letters to Great Britain. These are the principal varieties issued in Canada for postage out of the usual run.

The United States have issued a few denominations for special service: the 24 and 90 cent of various issues are an odd figure; the 7 cent of 1870 was a value placed on postage to Germany for letters. The official stamps were issued for the use of the various departments they represented, and could not be used by any outside parties which is the cause of the great rarity of some of the department denominations such as Executive and high value State.

The Executive stamps were used by the President, and Vice-President of the United States: therefore, philitalists having used specimens have not only a philatelic treasure, but have also a historical relic.

The Australian colonies have issued very few stamps for any special duty, and with the exception of a very few European, very few exist outside of America.

In fact economical postage for specified countries seems to be prculiar to America as regards odd values. Most of these stamps are noticably scarce and should be made as great a study of as any other.

TORONTO PHILATELIC CLUB.

The annual meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. by Mr. E. Y. Parker, who was called upon to take the chair in the absence of the President.

Fifteen members were present and eight new members were elected.

Mr. J. H. Shack was present and elected a corresponding member of the Club.

The Philatelic Canadian was appointed official organ for the year.

A committee composed of Messrs. Pinkney, Brouse, McMahon, Parker, Lester, Lowe, will meet at 5 o'clock Friday, the 4th at the office of G. A. Lowe, for consultation regarding a plan to put before the Club at the next meeting the best means, for supplying interest for the Club—such as exchanges, auctions, exhibitions of stamps etc.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with and resulted in the following members being installed as officers.

President—W. H. Brouse; 1st Vice-President, Thos. Pinkney; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. A. Lowe; Executive Committee—E. Y. Parker, J. W Lester, Atwell Fleming, Walter McMahon, J. M. Mackenzie, Prof. Hebner, G. H. Grundy.

It is intended that meetings shall be held twice a month during the coming year. All collectors residing in Toronto and vicinity should write the secretary for application blanks.

TORONTO NOTES.

The demand for United States revenues has increased likewise for those of Canada. The past few weeks have brought several "advanced" want lists to a dealer here.

Time and again the past year it has been rumored around the streets of Toronto that a stock company of large magnitude was on the tapis. Last week some said it was a fact We believe, and information shows it, that no such thing exists. Mr. Lowe, who is supposed to be the manager is offering his Toronto business for sale, no stock, simply the store, etc., and intends locating in Montreal.

Wilson Wilby, who runs the Weston Stamp Co., will give up present place of business this month He intends to conduct a mail business only.

The new two cent card for foreign use, meets with favor everywhere. I would be pleased to announce it as the forerunner of an entire new issue, and am sure the collector all the world over would welcome the change.

A local dealer secured a lot of United States revenues this week. They were stuck on a large sheet, and the beauty of it was that all were perfect copies.

Scott's advance prices in many instances are surprising, but when one considers that the demand for stamps is ever on the increase despite those who cease collecting, and that few of the old issues are seldom found it can be seen that the rise is not only necessary but justified by facts.

Why should not Canadian revenues be catalogued in Scott's as well as those of United States? This question will settle itself in time, and at present collectors will have to buy those issued by different dealers in order to learn anything regarding these stamps.

It is rumored that a company will publish "The Youth's Magazine" here in this city, and one of the departments that will appeal to collectors is that devoted to stamps. Canada has no paper of this class, save those issued by religious houses for Sunday School purposes.

THE STAMPS OF BULGARIA.

The latest issue, the notorious Baby Boris series, consists of four values, 1s dark green, 5s dark blue, 15s mauve and 25s red. Design: Coat of arms in center; above inscription on rounded band; at top, another inscription on dark ground; at bottom, in center, figure of value in circle; ribbons on each side with Russian characters thereon.

Three values of unpaid letter stamps have been issued from 1884 to date. Design: Figure of value in center in circle, surrounded by Russian inscription; inscription also at sides and at top and bottom ruled off; open space filled by pearls and branches of leaves. The values are, 5s orange, 25s crimson and 50s blue.

These appeared with large wavy perforations in 1884, imperforate in 1886, and perforated 10½ and 11½ in 1887.

In 1894 the 5s orange appeared re-engraved, differing but very little from first issue. It is also to be found on pelure paper.

The 50s blue was surcharged "30" in 1895. This surcharge will be found on both imperforate and perforated 11½ issues.

The 25s re-engraved, perforated 11, made its appearance a few months ago.

Having considered its postal emissions let us take a glance at the history of the country.

The Romans were unable to conquer the original inhabitants of the present Bulgaria, and the Grecian emperor, Anastasius, built a large wall in A.D. 507, in order to keep them out of his domains.

In the seventh century the Bulgarian, a people of Tartar origin, conquered, the country and founded the Bulgarian kingdom. The conquerors soon lost their language and customs and adopted those of the Slavs they subjugated.

The Bulgarian kings were continually taking part in the struggles between the Grecian emperors and the Russian chiefs, sometimes on one side sometimes on the other. In 1018 the monarchy was under the suzerainty of the Byzantine empire. I 1185 King Asan declared the country independent of Constantinople, which resulted badly for it, as the kings of Hungary

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	— — unused	4 00	2 00
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	6d, fair copy	5 00	3 25
1857	½d pink, good copies	4 00	2 00
	½d pink, pair		5 75
	½d pink, very fine	4 00	3 00
1858	3d ribbed	2 50	90
	½d pink, perforated	8 50	5 25
	½d pink, perforated, unused, little soiled	12 00	6 00
	3d red, perforated	3 50	1 75
	3d red, perforated, RIBBED, very fine	20 00	12 00
1859	5c vermilion, VARIETY, fine	15 00	9 00
	2c pink, unused	2 50	2 00
	12½c green, unused	2 50	2 00
	17c blue	1 50	1 00
1868	1c brown-red, watermarked	2 00	1 50
1870	1c brown-red, laid paper, unused	40 00	22 00
	1c brown-red, laid paper, used, fine	15 00	10 00
	3c red, laid paper	5 00	2 25
1875	8c blue registered, very fine copies	2 50	1 80
1880	5c vermilion Envelope, entire, used, fine		1 00
1890	3c WOVE PAPER, Envelope, entire, used.	5 00	1 50

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1865	1c orange, used	3 50	1 75
	2c blue, used	5 00	2 50
	3c rose, used	2 50	1 25
	4c green, used	5 00	2 50
	6c black, used	5 00	2 50
	12c mauve, used	6 00	3 00
	3c, error, rare	5 00	2 75

UNITED STATES POSTAGE

1847	5c brown (original cover, 60c)	85	50
1851	5c brown, very fine	11 00	9 00
	10c green	1 00	65
1855	5c brown, type II	2 50	1 75
	10c green	50	27
	24c lilac	4 50	3 00
1861	5c brown	40	25
	30c orange	50	40
	90c blue, fine	3 50	3 00
1868	1c blue, embossed	1 25	65
	2c black, embossed	25	14
1869	3c blue, no embossing, used		3 00
	10c yellow, unused, corner stamp		3 75
	15c brown and blue, fine	1 75	1 50
	24c green and purple	7 50	5 00
1872	24c purple	2 00	1 35
	90c carmine	1 00	80
1873	10c brown unused (Cont)	1 00	70

MISCELLANEOUS

Newfoundland, 4d lake, entire sheet	20 00	11 00
" " 6d lake, "	20 00	11 00
Quebec Law Stamps, $10, $20, $30	155 00	35 00
" " " $10, $20, $30, 1890 issue.	85 00	20 00

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	2c orange	04
	5c blue	08
	10c black	15
1890	½c black	01
	3c slate	05
	6c deep pink	09
	12c puce brown	18

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Barbados, ½p	02
Brit. South Africa, ½p	03
" " " 1p	05
" " " 2p	10
Chamba, 1½a	08
" 2 a	15
Cyprus, 30pa	06
" 1pia	06
" 2pia	12
" 4pia	25
" 6pia	35
" 12pia	70
Falkland Islands, 1p	05
" " 2p	12
" " 9p	35
" " 18a	50
Figi Islands, 1p	05
Gibraltar, 20c	08
" 2pcs	75
Grenada, 1p	05
Gwalior, 2½a	15
Johore, 1c	02
" 2c	04
" 3c	06
Trinidad, ½p	03
" 1p	05
" 2½p	10

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